

Minutes of the THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) meeting of the 2021-2022 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. via ZOOM videoconferencing and in-person at Lake of Two Mountains High School.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Kromidakis	Crestview Elementary	Joanna Barnovski	Rawdon Elementary
Dalia Ceron Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Evan Goudis	Souvenir Elementary
Marina Santos	Genesis Elementary	John Critchley	St. Jude Elementary
Michelle Deslauriers	Grenville Elementary	Tammy Lalonde	St. Paul Elementary
Jenny Georgiopoulos	Hillcrest Academy	Linda-Marie Ferlisi	St. Vincent Elementary
Jennifer Subaihi	John F Kennedy Elementary	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Barbara Barrasso	Terry Fox Elementary
Steve Samanez	Jules Verne Elementary	Nathalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Richard Alary	Joliette High
Karrine Morrison	Laurentian Elementary	Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High
Karl Trottier	McCaig Elementary	Michelle Deslauriers	Laurentian Regional High
Jason Stewart	Morin Heights Elementary	Kathy Stavriadis	Laval Junior Academy
Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary	Laura Wittebol	Laval Senior Academy
Luca Arnaldi	Our Lady of Peace Elementary	Jossie Tortorici	Rosemere High
Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative
Patrick Belanger	Pinewood Elementary		

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General; Florence Delorme, Director, School Affairs and School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director, Information Resources; Melissa Wall, Commissioner; the alternate delegates from Hillcrest Academy, Terry Fox Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, SEAC

**ABSENT:** Arundel Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, AND OPENING OF MEETING**

The chairperson welcomed the members and guests.

**2. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Hillcrest Academy read the acknowledgement of the land.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add 11.1 – STL Bus strikes

**PC20211104-01** Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted with the addition. Seconded by Laval Junior Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2021**

**PC20211104-02** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of October 21, 2021 be approved. Seconded by Ste-Adele Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**6. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions

**7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Ms. Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization**

**7.1 Consultation – Deeds of establishment and 3-year plan**

- Ms. Florence Delorme presented the Deeds of establishment and 3-year plan that are authorized for consultation from October 29, 2021 to January 14, 2022.

- Deeds of establishment is your building with address where you are located and school number.
- 3-year plan is what level of instruction your school has, if you have ententes or rentals with anyone, your enrolment and projected enrolment.
- In response to a question from Crestview Elementary, the MEQ capacity versus projected enrolment has a difference. Ms. Delorme explained that the MEQ projected enrolment is based on the best functional capacity of the school. The number of students that can fit generally surpasses what the MEQ says. What is looked at more closely is how many classrooms are needed to house students. This depends on the profile of the school and the MEQ does not know that extended level.
- In response to a comment from LTMHS, PC is consulted on the Deeds of establishment and the 3-year plan – GB is only consulted on the 3-year plan, but they are done together in practice. It is suggested that the 3-year plan documents be sent to the GBs in addition to the Deeds of establishment.
- Twin Oaks – MEQ is not a true indicator of the capacity. Is there some other way to get the true number? It is important that you understand the enrolment fluctuation. Each school is different in how they use their space. You can ask your school principal how many classrooms are required.
- SEAC – schools follow the numbers the government recommends for daycare. What happens to the special needs kids? Can we modify the ratios in daycares for the special needs kids? At the daycare, just like during the school day, there are maximum class sizes. In daycare the ratio is 1:20 but just like during the day whenever there is a need to add support for students, it is put in place. The support that is added depends on what the profile is with the daycare group. Parents can speak to the school principal about the support that is put into daycare.
- Laurentia – In the 3-year plan, do you only include the long-term agreements or are short terms on there as well. Both of them can be included in there. Clearly identify how the premises are used. If it is only being used for 3 weeks it does not need to be there. Ongoing agreements that last half a year, all year or every summer should be on this document.
- JES – if portables are added does it influence the capacity. They do increase the capacity, but when we report to the ministry these classes are not added. We have to demonstrate that we are in deficiency of capacity. We report the capacity without the portables to show we need space.
- Pinewood – We will soon be almost 50 over the MEQ capacity. On an annual basis all the needs across the schools are looked at and we prioritize the regions that we need space. Pinewood is in the same sector as Franklin Hill. The ministry looks at a sector when granting additional space. If we have space in another school in the same sector we must look at that. Although Pinewood is over, it is not only the students zoned. The boot section is considered Franklin Hill but they can go to Pinewood – will that be changed? No decision has been made at this time. When it comes to functional capacity if there are too many students in schools we have to look at the next steps in order to accommodate students moving forward, but at this time nothing has been looked at.
- Mountainview – The projection is 80 over capacity and St. Jude is at par – does that mean something is in the works? This has been noticed and it has been prioritized. There is a committee that is looking at growth sectors and this is one of them. We are finalizing a request for additional space in this sector.
- PC is asked for a written response to these consultations by January 14, 2022.

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING

### 8.1 RCP-3L VOTE

At the previous meeting a vote was held and after reviewing it, the vote was in fact in favor of leaving the membership.

Because at the time of the vote it called for maintaining the membership, this table has the choice to accept it or reconsider the vote. A motion to reconsider is not a vote to keep or cancel the membership, it just opens up the conversation again.

A poll was launched and determined that the members are in favor to reconsider the vote.

**PC20211104-03** Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the PC reconsider the decision in resolution **PC20211021-10** maintaining our membership on RCP-3L. Seconded by Hillcrest Academy.

**This motion was carried on the following division**

**For:** Franklin Hill Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, Joliette Elementary, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elementary, McCaig Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Mountainview Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Souvenir Elementary, St. Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary

**Against:** Genesis Elementary, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Morin-Heights Elementary, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, St. Jude Elementary, St. Paul Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, SEAC

**Abstain:** Crestview Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy, Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High

(14-11-6)

The committee entered into discussion on the pros and cons of remaining with the RCP-3L.

**PC20211104-04** McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT the SWLSB PC cancel its membership status from RCP-3L. Seconded by St. Vincent Elementary.

**This motion was defeated on the following division.**

**For:** Franklin Hill Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, Souvenir Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy

**Against:** Crestview Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Jules Verne Elementary, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, McCaig Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, St. Jude Elementary, St. Paul Elementary, St. Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, Joliette High, Laurentian Regional High, Rosemere High, SEAC  
(9-0-22)

## 8.2 QCGN Bill 96 support letter – e-vote

Last week Premier Legault announced that if Bill 96 is passed only citizens who are eligible to attend English schools will be able to receive government services including health care in English. As a result, between 300,000 and 500,000 English-speaking Quebecers would no longer receive services in English. The QCGN has repeatedly expressed its opposition to this impractical and mistaken definition.

An e-vote was sent to members to support a letter written by the QCGN opposing Bill 96. They would like parents committee support.

**PC20211104-05** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the Parents' Committee (PC) of The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board supports the letter prepared by the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) which was shared with our team by The English Parents Committee Association. Furthermore, in order to support this letter, PC mandates the chairperson to sign and submit the letter on behalf of the team.

**This motion was CARRIED on the following division:**

**For:** Arundel Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F Kennedy Elementary, Joliette High, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elementary, Morin-Heights Elementary, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elementary, St Jude Elementary, St Paul Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, SEAC

**Abstain:** Mountainview Elementary  
(23-0-1)

A copy will be sent to GBs once the letter has been signed.

St. Vincent Elementary mentioned that she voted but it was not recorded. She would have voted favorably on this resolution.

## 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 General Directorate (this report will be emailed to the chairperson to send to members)

#### Since last PC meeting

- LTMHS graduation
- Students “on the road”!
  - Electric cars at SWLSB since 2014:
  - Reduction of costs associated to mileage
  - 4 vehicles: 3 fully electric (2021) and 1 hybrid (2015)
  - 25 charging stations across our LLL territory
  - In line with our orientation in our commitment to success plan to create and promote healthy environments
- RHS Open House – October 28
- Halloween celebrations in schools/centres
- LJA Open House - November 3

#### COVID-19 Sanitary Measures – Update

##### As of November 15, 2021:

- High School Students | Wearing a mask will no longer be mandatory in class, unless the public health authorities decide otherwise.
- Masks remain mandatory in hallways, common areas and on the bus.

- AEVT, CEGEP and University are not included in this “assouplissement”.

### Vaccination: 5 to 11-year old

- The Pfizer vaccine is still pending approval from Health Canada. Approval is expected around November 15, 2021.
- Once approved, the deployment of vaccination campaign will begin promptly.
- Vaccination could begin anywhere between November 22 and 29 depending on the region.
- A hybrid model for vaccination will be deployed by Public Health
  - Mass Vaccination Centres will be reopening for parents to bring their children.
  - Mobile vaccination clinics may also be organized in schools.
  - Depending on the region, some schools may be paired with a near-by school and bussing will be available to those who wish to be vaccinated at school.

### Mozaik Portal info

- Approximately 74% of our families are using the Mozaik Parent Portal
- 30.66% of all student absences/lates are entered or justified using the parent portal
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### Proud Moments

#### Welcome to LTMHS

- LTMHS was built in 1983.
- Services the following communities: Deux-Montagnes, St-Eustache, Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, St-Joseph-du-Lac, Mirabel, Oka, Pointe-Calumet, Laval Ouest.
- Offers secondary 1 to 5 to 432 students.
- LTMHS offers a 1 to 1 device to its student population – each student receives a Chromebook when they arrive in secondary 1.
- Home of CPE Les Petits Patriotes (52 children).
- Home of the Homeschooling team (12 employees) | 857 students and their families receiving services (641 TOSH and 216 general).

### Bus safety program in schools

- Annual safety program unique to SWLSB
- Program has been adapted during the pandemic (creation of videos)
- Grade-level specific program
- Take a look and review with your child(ren) 🚌
  - <https://www.loom.com/share/8ecf2ca09f124b2983093668964a0661>
  - Grade 2 <https://youtu.be/di-WBbPSd-0>
  - Grade 3 <https://youtu.be/iysxX63HXwU>
  - Grade 4 <https://youtu.be/qeW9L1LHYAc>

### Graduation & qualification rate

- Announcing our 88.1 graduation and qualification rate. We have surpassed our 2022-2023 goal
- Congratulations to the entire SWLSB community for bringing to life our commitment-to-success plan key words: ENGAGE ☆ BUILD ☆ ACHIEVE

### Opportunities

#### Survey to families | School websites

We are at the very first stages of the planning to redesign all SWLSB school websites. To ensure that the work and efforts invested in this project over the next months and year yield successful websites, we are seeking your feedback. You will soon be receiving a survey to share with us your experience in regard to your school's current website and your expectations towards a new and improved one.

### Upcoming parent workshops

- Nov. 16 – parenting series offered by LEARN - Building an Empathy Toolbox
- Nov 11 – Supporting your child's learning – an evening with Dr. Megan Webster

- Jan 18 – SEAC conference – Embracing Diversity

The presentation will be sent to the chairperson to send to members.

*Rawdon Elementary left the meeting at 8:53*

- Graduation – there was a big jump from one year to another – why is that? It is easier to increase from a lower score. We have many more tools now than we had which makes learning better. We also have access to stats to see what we are doing well to succeed. We still have work to do, but moving forward it will be more difficult to have a large increase. We will have to see what the impact of the pandemic has caused as well.
- LJA – projections in the deeds indicate that numbers are going down for the Laval high schools. Are we projecting that there are less students going to these schools? The competition is harder in that there are more and more private schools. We are trying to showcase what we are doing well. LSA has a very high qualification and graduation rate. There is a committee that has been formed with different stakeholders that has been reviewing the two schools to see how they can work in tandem. We will be involving the elementary school teams and parents to see how we can keep our students in our system. We want them to know the success of our school. We will be asking parents what they want in a secondary school. The biggest loss is from grade 6 to secondary 1. Many students leave in grade 6 but come back in secondary 3. All administrators will receive the graduation and qualification rates at their schools.
- SEAC – Proud to be a SWLSB parent.
- Hillcrest Academy – EMSB has the highest graduation rate. Lester B has the second highest. The DG will send these stats to the chairperson to send to the members. Hillcrest went on to suggest that it would be good to have secondary students go to feeder schools to talk about their experience in high school.

*Genesis Elementary left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.*

*Joliette High left the meeting at 9:13*

*PETES left the meeting at 9:26 p.m.*

*St Vincent Elementary left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.*

- Melissa Wall, Commissioner for Ward 3 attended the meeting on behalf of the chairperson. Thank you to all the parents who give their time. It is important for the commissioners to hear parent concerns.

## 9.2 PC Chairperson

- Great attendance and engagement at these meetings. Thank you to all.
- Will review the notion of having two meetings in the same month next year. The time commitment for members is big and the number of meetings should be balanced. The chair felt it was worthwhile having them as all the committees were filled easily because of the explanations at these meetings.
- Member feedback is welcome on what is going right and what could be improved for the PC committee.
- If anyone has proud moments in their schools, please let the chairperson know.
- Visited a support group evening at Terry Fox school called Terry Fox cares.

## 9.3 Vice-chairperson

Nothing to report.

## 9.4 Secretary

### 9.4.1 Facebook subcommittee

In members' packages.

## 9.5 Treasurer

No report this month.

The chairperson and the treasurer are working together to fine tune the reporting.

## 9.6 Parent Commissioners

In members' packages.

## 9.7 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

- Meeting on Saturday – was quick – most in camera.

- Planning for the general assembly November 20.
- Spoke about the QCGN letter.
- In January there will be more action.
- Follow their newsletters if you don't already do so.

#### 9.8 RCP-3L

No report this month.

#### 9.9 SEAC

There has not been a meeting since the last one.

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

#### 10.1 Subcommittee – Internal financial policy

- In light of the fact we are moving to digital expense forms, there needs to be some updating to the policy.
- The chairperson proposes a subcommittee for a review.
- The treasurer and the chairperson will be part of the committee. SEAC and Hillcrest Academy will also be a part of it. This should be done in time for the December meeting.

#### 10.2 Facebook subcommittee websites for approval

The list of approved FB websites was in members' packages. The following 5 sites need to be approved by the PC members.

- 1) <https://www.un.org/en>
- 2) <https://pluralplus.unaoc.org/>
- 3) <https://kidskonnnect.com>
- 4) <https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca>
- 5) <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng>

A zoom poll was launched and 100% of members are in favor of these websites.

### 11. VARIA

#### 12. 11.1 STL Strikes

- The students lost floating ped day because of the recent STL strike. Could there not have another way. The board was informed the week prior of the strike. These are unforeseen circumstances and the policy in place for these types of things is to use the floating ped days. The BSR stipulates that we do everything in our power to maintain 180 school days. The MEQ requires us to use these floating ped days for these unforeseen circumstances. We must report to the ministry that we did everything in order to maintain the 180 days so that they do not come back and tell us we are not respecting the law. Why could we not have reverted to distance learning? We have litigation taking place because we did this last year during the employee strikes. We have these constraints so that we cannot use distance learning as an option. We want to revisit our policy and this is dependent on what comes out of these litigations. The DG confirmed that there are two other STL planned strike days. She is hoping that they come to an agreement very soon. Souvenir Elementary went on to say that the average parents do not know these reasons.
- Constraints notwithstanding, could the school board change the policy to have the flexibility in the future. The DG responded that there are conversations going on but are limited because of the litigations taking place with the respective unions.
- Does the revision of the policy fall under the scope of the transportation advisory committee? There is a consultation that always takes place when a policy is revised. The DG says nothing prevents us from keeping them in the loop on these discussions.
- JFK suggested that the parents could be sent an explanation as to why the school could not go to online learning and that there are two more pending strike days.
- Hillcrest – Why couldn't students not just attend school, some walk, some parents drive. The DG responded that 80% of our high school students are transported and we must make sure there is equity in education to all students. If we kept them open there would be an inequity in the services as many would not be able to attend school.
- Souvenir – what if the yellow bus goes on strike. The DG gave an example of one of our transporters who went on strike. The other transporters were not allowed to take over these runs. We are investigating more and more to reverting to distance learning.
- McCaig – Are there a business education continuity plans in case transporters go on strike. There are non-union options. The DG responded that in our current contracts with the transporters and unions there are plans but they are not flexible.

**13. CORRESPONDANCE**

**14. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

- PC Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7:15 p.m. (Head office/Zoom). If you cannot make a meeting please ask your alternate to attend.
- SEAC Tuesday, November 16, 2021, (Zoom)

**PC20211104-06** McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 9:55 p.m. Seconded by Mountainview Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary